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SUBJECT: UNIFIL CONTACTS WITH HADDAD, JUNE 16 AND 17

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1. UN SOURCE GAVE DPO COPY OF UNIFIL MESSAGE TO NEW YORK
REPORTING ON UNIFIL CONTACTS WITH HADDAD ON JUNE 16 AND 17.
FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MESSAGE.

2. BEGIN TEXT: "ON 16 JUNE DCO NORBATT MET WITH HADDAD
AT 2000 HOURS LOCAL TIME. NOTHING OF IMPORTANCE WAS DISCUSSED.
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HADDAD WANTED A MEETING WITH THE TWO STAFF OFFICERS WHO
REGULARLY REPRESENT UNIFIL.

3. "ON 17 JUNE THESE TWO STAFF OFFICERS MET WITH HADDAD.
HIS FIRST QUESTION QUOTE HOW DID THE INFORMATION CONCERNING
MY DEATH GET INTO THE NEWS UNQUOTE. AFTERWARDS HE
STATED THAT RADIO MONTE CARLO BRADCAST THAT

INFORMATION AND THIS RADIO RECEIVED MONEY FROM PALESTINIANS.

4. "HADDAD WAS (IN) A VERY DEJECTED MOOD AND IS EXTREMELY UPSET AT MR. HOSS' STATEMENTS CONCERNING THE DEFACTO FORCES. HE IS POSITIVE THAT THE CONFUSION RESULTING FROM THE STATEMENTS MADE AND ORDERS HE RECEIVED WERE THE SPARK WHICH IGNITED THE MILITIA SITUATION PREVIOUSLY REPORTED. HADDAD SAYS HE IS OBEYING THE ORDERS FROM QUOTE THE NORTH UNQUOTE AND FROM THE UNIFIL STAFF OFFICER WHO MET WITH HADDAD. THEY FEEL THAT HE IS ESSENTIALLY COMPLYING WITH THOSE ORDERS ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NO WAY TO DETERMINE EXACTLY WHAT ORDERS WERE SENT TO HADDAD. HADDAD STATED THAT WHEN AND IF THE LEBANESE ARMY WOULD ARRIVE IN THE SOUTH THAT ALL WERE HIGHLY SUSPECT OF BEING PRO-SYRIAN AND WOULD NOT BE ACCEPTED BY THE PEOPLE.

5. "DURING THE MEETING SEVEN CHRISTIAN MILITIA ENTERED AND INTERRUPTED THE MEETING AND DEMANDED THAT UNIFIL NOT MAKE ARRANGEMENTS WITH HADDAD WHICH WERE NOT APPROVED BY THE MILITIA. THEY STATED THAT THE LEBANESE PRO-SYRIAN ARMY ENTERING THE SOUTH WOULD BE DESTROYED BY THE CHRISTIAN MILITIA. THE MILITIA ENTERING THE MEETING WERE SEVERAL OF THOSE PRESENT IN THE INITIAL MEETING 15 JUNE. AGAIN THEY WERE ANGRY, OVER-ARMED, TABLE-POUNDING (THIS TIME WITH A CONFIDENTIAL

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KNIFE AND NOT WITH A GRENADE AS BEFORE) AND EVEN TWO OF THEM WORE MASKS. THE SITUATION DESERVED TO BE TELEVISED IF IT WERE NOT SO SERIOUS. THE MILITIA STATED THAT THEY MAY BREAK AWAY FROM QUOTE THE NORTH AND FROM THEIR OWN SEPARATE STATE IN THE SOUTH UNQUOTE.

6. "HADDAD WAS VISIBLY SHAKEN BY THEIR OUTBURSTS AND CONFIDED MUCH LATER AFTER THEY LEFT THAT HE USED TO BE ABLE TO CONTROL THE MILITIA AND THAT PREVIOUSLY THEY WOULD NOT HAVE DARED TO SHOUT AT HIM. HADDAD DIRECTED ONE OF HIS GENDARME OFFICERS PRESENT TO MAN A ROAD-BLOCK AND THE OFFICER STATED THAT, UNLESS HE CLEARED THIS MISSION WITH THE MILITIA, HE WOULD BE KILLED.

7. "THE CHRISTIAN MILITIA ALLOW FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT THROUGH THEIR AREAS ONLY DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS. THEY FURTHER STATE THAT THEY BE INCLUDED IN OTHER DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING THEIR AREAS.

8 "WE NOW UNDERSTAND THAT THE CHRISTIAN MILITIA IN THE WESTERN SECTORS NOW WANT MEETINGS WITH UNIFIL. IF IT CAN BE ARRANGED WE WILL MEET TODAY WITH HADDAD,

SHIDIAK, AND MILITIA REPRESENTATIVES FROM ALL OVER THE SOUTH. WE WILL CONTINUE TO MEET WITH AND REASSURE ALL CONCERNED IN AN ATTEMPT TO DEFUSE THE SITUATION. OBVIOUSLY, EVERYONE WANTS SOME SORT OF RECOGNITION.

9. "HADDAD, SHIDIAK AND ESPECIALLY THE CHRISTIAN MILITIA LEADERS ARE VERY CONCERNED AND ANGRY REGARDING THE SITUATION OF ANY NON-ARMED PERSON IN CIVILIAN CLOTHES BEING ALLOWED TO PASS UNIFIL ROADBLOCKS. THEY STATE THAT THIS SITUATION ALLOWS QUOTE PALESTINIANS TO ENTER, SECURE THEIR WEAPONS FROM CACHES AND TERRORIZE THE POPULATION UNQUOTE.

10. " WE WILL ADVISE YOU OF RESULTS OF TODAY'S (JUNE 18) MEETING
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IF IT OCCURS." END TEXT.

11. COMMENT: OUR SOURCE SAYS THAT AS OF AFTERNOON JUNE 19 UN HEADQUARTERS JERUSALEM HAD NOT HEARD WHETHER JUNE 18 MEETING TOOK PLACE.
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